

Introduced by Senator CedilloFebruary 10, 2005

An act to amend Section 17581.5 of the Government Code, relating to state mandates.

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SB 190, as introduced, Cedillo. State mandates.

Under the California Constitution, whenever the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, including a school district, the state is required to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse the local government, with specified exceptions. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement and define a reasonable reimbursement methodology for this purpose.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in those statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 17518.5 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 17518.5. (a) "Reasonable reimbursement methodology"
- 4 means a formula for reimbursing local agency and school district
- 5 costs mandated by the state that meets the following conditions:
- 6 (1) The total amount to be reimbursed statewide is equivalent
- 7 to total estimated local agency and school district costs to
- 8 implement the mandate in a cost-efficient manner.

1 (2) For 50 percent or more of eligible local agency and school
2 district claimants, the amount reimbursed is estimated to fully
3 offset their projected costs to implement the mandate in a
4 cost-efficient manner.

5 (b) Whenever possible, a reasonable reimbursement
6 methodology shall be based on general allocation formulas,
7 uniform cost allowances, and other approximations of local costs
8 mandated by the state, rather than *based on* detailed
9 documentation of actual local costs. In cases when local agencies
10 and school districts are projected to incur costs to implement a
11 mandate over a period of more than one fiscal year, the
12 determination of a reasonable reimbursement methodology may
13 consider local costs and state reimbursements over a period of
14 greater than one fiscal year, but not exceeding 10 years.

15 (c) A reasonable reimbursement methodology may be
16 developed by any of the following:

- 17 (1) The Department of Finance.
- 18 (2) The Controller.
- 19 (3) An affected state agency.
- 20 (4) A claimant.
- 21 (5) An interested party.